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SUBSISTENCE FISHING IN WOMENS BAY TO REOPEN BUSKIN RIVER ORIGIN SOCKEYE SALMON

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
50 CFR 100.10 and .19

Emergency Special Action No: 9-RS-02-22

Issued at: Kodiak, Alaska, June 29, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday July 2, 2022

EXPLANATION: This Emergency Special Action rescinds SA 9-RS-01-22 and reopens all fishing for sockeye salmon in the Federal public waters of the Buskin Drainage and marine waters identified in the Federal Subsistence regulation booklet available at the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters.

The Kodiak Area Federal Subsistence In-season Manager, under the authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, has been collaborating with Regional Advisory Council representatives and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Commercial Fisheries Managers. As of June 29, 4492 Sockeye have passed through the Buskin weir, which is within the desired escapement goal range for the date. Based on the cumulative escapement, it appears the Buskin Lake sockeye salmon escapement goal of 5000-8000 fish will be achieved, and the subsistence fishery can resume without harming the resource.

The State managed subsistence fishery (Emergency Order #4-FS-K-Sub-03-22) and sportfish (Emergency Order 2-RS-4-42-22) targeting the Buskin River sockeye will also be reopened.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.27(e)(9)(v)(A) and 50 CFR 100.27(e)(9)(v)(A) are amended to read:

In the Federal public waters of Kodiak Island, east of the line from Crag Point south to the westernmost point of Saltery Cove, including the waters of Woody and Long Islands, and the salt waters bordering this area within 1 mile of Kodiak Island, excluding the waters bordering Spruce Island, 25 salmon for the permit holder plus an additional 25 salmon for each member of the same household whose names are listed on the permit: an additional permit may be obtained upon request.


Federal public waters of Chiniak Bay west of a line from Cliff Point (57° 43.51' N. latitude, 152° 26.60' W. longitude) to a point near Gibson Cove (57° 46.62' N. latitude, 152° 26.80' W. longitude) are reopened to the take of Sockeye Salmon by all users; effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 2, unless superseded by a subsequent Federal special action.

JUSTIFICATION:

As of June 29th, approximately 4492 Sockeye Salmon have migrated upstream past the ADF&G Buskin weir counting station, the desired escapement target is a range from 5,000 to 8,000 fish. Based upon the current rate of escapement we will surpass the lower range of the escapement goal for Buskin Lake Sockeye Salmon (5,000). The Kodiak Area Federal Subsistence In-season Manager has determined this closure is warranted under Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). ANILCA Section §816 states that Federal subsistence fisheries shall be reopened.

This action is in alignment with State reopening sockeye harvest to subsistence and sportfish harvest in the Buskin drainage.

By delegation from the Federal Subsistence Board:



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